

No. State/UTs	1995-96 Allotment	1996-97 (up to July) Allotment
7. Goa	500.00	175.00
8. Gujarat	4398.00	700.00
9. Haryana	5535.00	2399.00
10. Himachal Pradesh	1600.00	300.00
11. Jammu and Kashmir	50.00	25.00
12. Karnataka	2600.00	875.00
13. Kerala	3980.00	1125.00
14. Madhya Pradesh	2020.00	260.00
15. Maharashtra	2889.00	485.00
16. Manipur	500.00	90.00
17. Meghalaya	600.00	225.00
18. Nagaland	50.00	2.50
19. Orissa	3304.00	2035.00
20. Pondicherry	50.00	12.00
21. Punjab	5860.00	1900.00
22. Rajasthan	6070.00	1350.00
23. Tamil Nadu	1100.00	476.00
24. Uttar Pradesh	7670.00	2235.00
25. West Bengal	3810.00	860.00
Total :	60431.00	16996.50

Birth Control

3922. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to introduce any improved variety of pill for birth control;

(b) whether W.H.O. has made any suggestion in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to introduce a new birth control pill namely 'Centchroman' which is a non-steroidal and non-hormonal oral contraceptive pill once a week pill for women in the National Family Welfare Programme.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Haj House Bombay

3923. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the construction of the Haj House in Bombay is complete since long but has not yet been inaugurated with the result that Haj pilgrims continue to face severe inconvenience;

(b) if so, since how long is the inauguration is pending;

(c) the difficulties in the inauguration and commissioning of the Haj House; and

(d) by what time the Haj House is expected to be inaugurated?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c). Construction of Haj House in Mumbai was completed in 1987. However, the high-rise building could not be inaugurated and fully put into use because of the existence of a canteen in its premises, the location of which prevents the movement of fire tenders around the building within the compound. Consequently, clearance from the fire control Department and occupation certificate from the Municipal authorities has not been made available so far.

After construction of the Haj House building had been undertaken, revised guidelines have been promulgated by the Railway authorities regarding distance and height of buildings from the railways tracks. Consequently, No Objection Certificate from Railway authorities is also pending.

(d) Efforts are being made to obtain pending clearances and make the Haj House fully operational. Settlement has been negotiated with the canteen owner and alternative premises are being built for him in the adjacent plot. Various repair and maintenance jobs necessitated by disuse of the building have also been undertaken. Ground and lower storeys are already in use as permitted by Municipal Rules and Hajis were accommodated in the building during Haj-1996. It is the endeavour of Central Haj Committee and Government to expedite clearances and make the Haj House fully operational as early as possible.